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Before I mention the inmates who received a General Educational Development certificate, I will say that the M.P. News staff is still upgrading the M.P. News magazine.

Some of the inmates take advantage of the MSP school by studying for a High School Equivalency certificate. After studying for a period of time, depending on the individual's ability in certain subjects, the inmate may take the General Educational Development test. If his grade is at least 35 on each of the 5 tests or an average of 45 or better on all 5 tests, he receives his GED certificate. The GED certificate can be used by the person to get a better job or get in to a college or university of his choice or in other areas which require a high school diploma.

A F Charlo, co Editor

Ranch Girls Recipe

To start with, take a horseman whose face the sun has browned
Whose legs are bowed a little-not enough to miss the ground!
It doesn't really matter if he varies some in weight,
Nor if his hair is curly gold or brown or black and straight,
A grin will serve for flavor, but a sober phiz will do.

A back that's long will look the best above a saddle seat,
But length don't really matter if it's straight and shirted neat.
His hands should have some fingers and his brain should savvy cow;
A shoulder broad and manly-oh well manly anyhow!
A face the wind has leathered, but at whiskers she won't scoff.
For a man can raise, 'em he can shave-em.

His nose, she'd like it sort of straight, but otherwise she knows,
That no man born can help the shape the good Lord made his nose.
A long armed man reach the best to hold a loved one tight,
But never mind if he's not short of courage in a fight.
She'll choose a man that's hard as nails, yet tender, too, and proud,
And on who sees the beauty in a flower, or a cloud.

Her recipe is not the kind that measures by a spoon,
For tho she'd really like a man who loves a lonesome tune.
And one with smallish cowboy feet, and handsome, too, of course,
She'd rather judge her cowboy by the way he treats his horse!
A quiet hand and gentle, but a firm one on the rein,
A spur that's quick, and just and sure, but not a tool of pain.

A rider that's not afraid to snap a wild-un out.
Yet, one whose panties nicker when they hear his steps about

Some girls have other recipes, and welcome, too, of course.
But the ranch girl likes a cowboy who knows how to treat his horse.

By Zombie

Editor'snote: Remember anytime anyone has an article or poem or an interesting piece that anyone feels should be printed, please submitted it to our and your M.P. News.

We hope to have more writting work from all those interested in the M.P. News.

President's Message

As the time draws near when I will no longer be president of the LaBarge Jaycees, to be phased out as an 'OIDROOSTER' in July, I look back and reflect on what the Jaycees have actually accomplished here at the prison.

The LaBarge Jaycees have accomplished many firsts here at the prison such as initiating the now annual Boxing Tournament; the Way Out Committee; Toys for Tots; Law Books Program; the Annual Awards Banquet; Attendance at State Jaycee Functions; Speaking Panels, One Day Tours of the prison by First Offenders; Charity Benefits, Outside Entertainment; etc., though most of these programs are, as they should be, programs for community improvements, while largely ignoring the perplexing problems of realistic prisoner rehabilitation, prison reform, prisoner's rights, meaningful vocational and educational training that would eventually lead to a diminished recidivism rate in the State of Montana.

Recidivism is a hazy, controversial subject with a wide variance of available statistics; a problem that no one can be dogmatic about. Nevertheless, one contributing factor lies in the fact that the public and their representatives in the Montana State Legislature do not fully comprehend the meaning of rehabilitation in reference to inmates of penal institutions. The majority of society is inclined to believe that punishment--taking a man's human rights away from him and casting him into prison, giving him a number and allowing him to vegetate for "X" number of years, then releasing him into society--will act as a magic cure and the offender will be rehabilitated.

It is this popular misconception of prisoner rehabilitation that leads to the ideology which hinders present advancement of progressive and meaningful legislation needed so badly in the field of correctional services in Mont-

ana.

Apathy, by the public and the incarcerated, is the greatest detriment to any realistic adjustment of the status quo concerning prisoner rehabilitation. If the community as a whole is not aware of the problems concerning its states do not contribute to a greater awareness of their problems, there will be no recognizable improvement within the foreseeable future.

A great opportunity has been lost to advocate improvement, expansion, and implementation of new innovative programs and policies through failure to demand new and radical changes through the medium of legislature proposals during the Constitutional Convention now in progress in Helena.

As far as I know, with the exception of proposed civil rights legislation introduced by such men as Mr. Robert Campbell and Mr. Robert Kellener, there has been no discussion of penal reform being introduced in Helena nor has the aging fact is that the incarcerated themselves did not take any action to inform the individual Con Con delegates of the areas in which penal reform could and should be reshaped in the form of legislative action and direction. Our States Crime Control Commission, penologists, sociologists, psychologists, and all those involved with crime and corrections have missed an views known to the Con Con delegates in Helena.

The Legislators, in an effort to appease their constituents, while conscientiously attempting to do their duty are often incapable of making sound decisions if they do not have the facts and material available to them concerning the particular areas that need improvement.

For instance, the Work Furlough Program should be expanded and utilized as a constructive step in the recognized
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need for further means of assisting those prisoners who are amenable to the process of rehabilitation; providing incentive and motivation for self-improvement, thereby eliminating the prisoner as a liability to society and creating an asset to the community. (Not to mention the conversion of prisoners from a financial detriment to a wage earning, tax paying citizen and removal of his dependants from the welfare rolls.)

The current practice of releasing prisoners with a \$25 out-going pay and demanding that he clothe, feed and house himself until he can provide for himself is unrealistic and detrimental to any type of rehabilitation. This practice only tends to insure rather than eliminate a return to a life of crime and should be changed by legislative direction. A minimum of \$250 for out-going inmate should be stated by legislative action; it would be far cheaper in the long run to assist a released prisoner in adjusting rather than forcing him to a return to a life of crime that he really doesn't want and with minimal assistance would not consider.

Pre-release Centers should be established as a means of easing prisoners back into society while maintaining some control as the prisoner adjusts psychologically and physically back into a world that he has forgotten.

Educational and Vocational opportunities should be developed and offered to those inmates who demonstrate the ability and motivation for self-improvement.

Prisoners should be allowed to develop financial responsibility and independence by seeking and establishing legitimate outlets for sale of inmate made goods such as hobby items, without the interference of unreasonable regulations being practiced in the name of security or the ridiculous assertion that such a practice would interfere with private enterprise.

The possibility of the State being

required to provide employment, at least for limited periods of time, in such departments as the Highways, Forestry, Reclamation, Agriculture, Fisheries and State institutions (to name a few), should be explored and implemented where possible. This is now being done for every minority and underprivileged group in the nation but not for convicts. Why?

In these days of high unemployment, careful consideration should be given to the possibility of eliminating the prisoners themselves from performing the essential maintenance of the prison and hiring civilian personnel for these functions, while at the same time placing the inmates in constructive vocational or educational programs which would provide the means and opportunities for actively remotivating and rehabilitating the convicted felon. Such a practice would improve the community as a whole in our effort to create a cultured and enlightened society. Many times I have seen a man embittered and hostile when his application for vocational or educational training was denied or prolonged on the ground that there was no available replacement for the necessary menial task that he was performing at the moment.

Society can no longer ignore Penal Reform; it must be made aware that its inherited rituals of stigma and extrusion for offenders contributes to the overall problem of recidivism. Montana in particular can no longer afford to settle for the status quo and lag so far behind other states in penal reform.

The average citizen crying out for longer punitive sentences should become educated to the facts of penal problems and conditions that contribute significantly to the overall problem of crime and recidivism. If jails and prisons were inhabited chiefly by murderers, rapists, robbers and kidnappers who were incorrigible and non-amenable to process of rehabilitation, there

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might be some justification for the public's impression of prisoners, but unfortunately society is wrong! It is in society's own best interest to explore its penal system.

More than half the persons arrested in Montana are jailed for "crimes without victims," such as drunks, vagrants, and drug addicts. These are really social oriented offenses rather than criminal. Of the remaining half, the majority of those who are finally incarcerated have been convicted of such non-violent crimes as burglary, larceny and auto theft. It is the small minority of persons who are incarcerated, who are unquestionably the unregenerate enemies of society and who, receiving the widest publicity, are principally responsible for public hostility: the main reason penologists cannot expend their full resources on rehabilitation programs is that they have to answer to this hostile public more concerned with retention and punishment than rehabilitation.

In other words, our penal institutions have become major dumping grounds by communities attempting to evade their own responsibilities. As a result, our prisons are filled with victims themselves, the physically and mentally handicapped, social misfits, casualties of the dehumanizing effect of slums, poverty, racism, and unemployment: the human result of the parental neglect, sickness of alcoholism and drug addiction.

Montana State Prison is filled with the results of under-education, poverty, ignorance, lack of educational or vocational opportunity. The majority of Montana's prisoners have never been properly motivated: they are uneducated, unskilled and ignorant of the values of higher ideals and the opportunities available for self-improvement, and are invariably derived from the poor elements of society. There are no rich men in prison which eloquently speaks for itself. The majority are born losers who have turned to crime as a mat-

ter of necessity for self-survival without ever having been aware that there ever was a need for self-improvement, upgrading of character, vocational skills; or if they were aware of their shortcomings, had no idea of how to proceed with attaining those goals.

The solution lies with progressive legislation concerning the Criminal Code and sentencing procedures of Montana. It is necessary to upgrade the qualifications and type of personnel who operate and maintain our penal institutions, demand realistic results, and be willing to furnish the resources and material needed to accomplish this objective.

Montana today has the greatest opportunity of all states to take the lead in establishing penal reform and could offer the leadership and enlightened policies needed for progress in retarding the rising problem of crime and violence in our communities, principally because Montana does not have to deal with the hard core criminal on any appreciable scale as do most of her sister states. As former warden, Mr. James Estelle, commented, "The very worst of Montana's prisoners can be compared with the very best in other prison system."

The deplorable fact is that Montana is far behind the other states in the field of penology because of a stagnating lack of interest on the part of the general public which in turn creates apathy and indifference among our legislators, politicians, penologists and public officials.

The public must first be educated to the history and future goals of its penology system and made aware of the problems and needs of reform. It is necessary that the public remove its cover of apathy, ignorance and fear and be encouraged to "do something."

Legislation in Montana will become progressive when your representatives in Helena know that you, the public, will approve their sponsorship of pro-

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gressive bills in penal reform and Criminal Codes of Montana.

The shortsightedness of the past in regard to appropriated funds must turn to farsightedness of realizing that spending substantial sums of money now to rehabilitate offenders will in the long run save substantially more money in reduction of losses to crime in the future. . . crimes that would not be committed by rehabilitated ex-offenders returning to their communities.

During the past year I have talked to politicians, businessmen, penologists, bureaucrats, psychologists, trade union leaders, lawyers, lawmen, inmates and Jaycees from all over the state of Montana concerning the particular problems of penology, criminology, prisoner's rights and rehabilitation, discussing what could be done to improve the situation. When talking to these people they appear to be greatly concerned and readily admit that the social conditions involving rehabilitation, prison reform and new legislation are all areas that should and could be drastically altered in order to become effective tools in rescinding the ominous recidivism rate now approaching the 100 per cent mark. All agreed to lend support, but in the end it turned out that vocal support at the time of the discussion was all that was meant or intended.

Prison reform costs money but so does crime and it is time that we recognize that until we are willing to make some concrete commitment to eradicating the need and causes of crime there will be no decrease in the end product--the criminal.

There are steps being taken in the right direction such as passage of the Work Furlough Program by last years legislature, recognition by the Con Con of the need to restore the Civil Rights of ex-convicts and the implementation of vocational training through the Manpower Development Training Act now in progress at the prison. A good possibility that these programs will continue

if money and instructors can be available.

It is encouraging to see men like Chief Justice Warren Burger, Hubert Humphrey, Ted Kennedy and many others of national repute who recognize the genuine need for drastic penal reform, advocating radical and substantial changes in our nation's penal systems, from the very height of political power, striving to educate the public of the genuine need for drastic penal reform and realistic, meaningful rehabilitation of the incarcerated, realizing that we are not "coddling the criminal" but "improving society" thereby heightening our culture, enriching our way of life and lessening "man's inhumanity to man" through progress in understanding one another and our ability and willingness to reach out and lend a hand.

As I reflect on the past accomplishments and failures of the LaBarge Jaycees, I realize that greater emphasis should have been placed on improvement of our particular community, Montana State Prison. While we have concentrated on and made many improvements in the physical environment, we have largely ignored the most compelling area of needed improvement. the prisoner himself.

In attempting to formulate advice and motivation for the coming years of officers, I will stress the need for vital and serious work in the area of penal reform and individual self-improvement while seeking the involvement and active participation of the Montana Jaycees in direct action aimed at substantial improvement of the entire penology system in the State of Montana.

The United States Jaycees have opened the door by establishing Jaycee Chapters in the prisons, providing leadership training and motivation for those prisoners who are truly desirous of pulling themselves up by the bootstraps.

It is essential that we extend the
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Crime and Corrections Program to include, where possible, motivation, training and assistance to those men behind bars who have been chiefly responsible for the rising crime rate in America, but who nevertheless are willing and capable of rising above their situations through self-improvement programs and incentives. Unless we can provide the physical plant and open doors to the opportunity of vocational and educational skills in a realistic, meaningful manner in treating the root cause of crime (the criminal) instead of the effect (crime) our overall national and local situations will continue to worsen. It is needless, wasteful, and amounts to criminal neglect that is not in our own best interest.

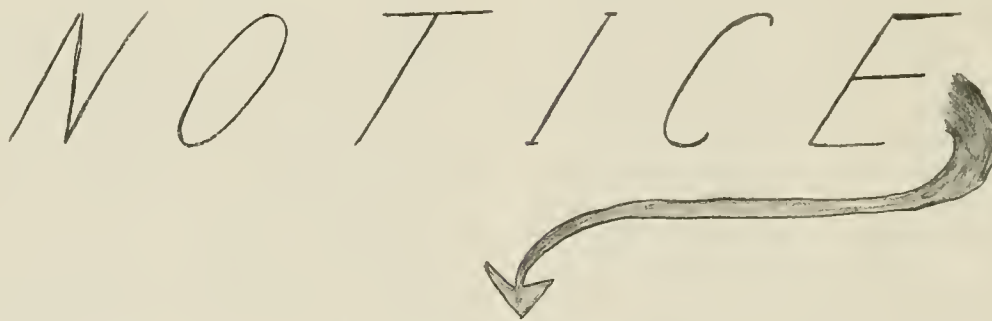
On a personal level, participation in the LaBarge Jaycees has been instrumental in helping me to formulate fu-

ture goals and maintain resolve of purpose. Whatever self-improvement I have accomplished within these walls has not been accomplished because of the present penology system in Montana but in spite of it and would not have been possible without active participation in the LaBarge Jaycees. I highly recommend the Jaycees to all those young men inside and outside of prison who truly want to improve themselves and the community.

This message is in reality a plea to Montana Jaycees, the public and the incarcerated to come to an understanding of our common problems, needs, desires and hopes, thus enabling us to work together toward recognizable goals in seeking solutions to our present difficulties through a united effort.

The climate is right, the time is now, the consequences are imminent and the end result is up to you and me. Here is my hand. Where is yours?

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Policy Changed for Prisons

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federal Bureau of Prisons has quietly changed its policy on prisoner contacts with the news media and says it now permits convicts to send uncensored letters to newsmen.

In a three-page directive, Bureau Director Norman Carlson said letters to newsmen are to be forwarded "directly, promptly, sealed and without inspection."

"Incoming correspondence from the

news media," Carlson added, "will be inspected solely for contraband, or for content which would incite conduct which is illegal."

The new policy went into effect Feb. 11. A bureau spokesman said no general announcement was made.

The spokesman said informing prisoners of their new right has been left up to the wardens of the separate federal prisons.

Testimony on Delegate Proposal No 3
Montana Constitution Convention
1971-1962

Before the Delegates Assembled for a Report from the Bill of Rights Committee - February 12.

It is my understanding that Delegate Proposal No. 3 prescribing the death penalty has not had final action from the Bill of Rights Committee. I am here today in response to the committee's call yesterday for further testimony from the churches on the ethical questions involved, since the Bible has quoted in support of contrary opinions about capital punishment.

I am representing some faculty members at the College of Great Falls. I feel that the church's sensitivity to justice and Christian non-violence is at stake here. I hope that the provision for a death penalty can be eliminated from our new constitution.

I have further interest in testifying because of several young friends of mine at Montana State Prison who are under first degree felony charges. With them in mind, I endorse the statement eliminating capital punishment from the new constitution for the State of North Dakota and I would like to see this reproduced in ours.

The one sentence is as follows:
"Sec. 2. Death shall not be prescribed as a penalty for any crime."

Just that. Please consider it.

A few weeks ago I was visiting one of the prisoners at Deer Lodge who was told at his sentencing by the court, in my hearing, "You killed John Doe. I could hang you but I am going to give you life imprisonment."

What a relief to hear these words! Too much doubt about the guilt of the boy had been raised in my mind during the trial. Many others also were concerned about the inconclusive evidence presented. The accused maintained his innocence to the end. When I asked him why he had not submitted more evidence for his defense, he said, "It would not be safe."

Hard as it is to believe, even in

Montana, there are threats from the syndicate. It is even more difficult to believe that life imprisonment could be a less threat, but who would want the death penalty imposed under such shaky circumstances?

Another prisoner carries a felony charge at Deer Lodge although it is now determined that he is an epileptic subject to blackouts. Another man committed his crime under the influence of men who commit crime from a psychotic death wish? They kill in order to be killed. Should we oblige?

I would refer to the current best seller, The Crime of Punishment by the great psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger, on page 108, I quote:

"Eliminate one offender who happens to get caught weakens public security by creating a false sense of diminished danger through a definite remedial measure (hanging him, for instance). Actually, it does not remedy anything, and it by-passes completely the real and unsolved problem of how to identify and detain potentially dangerous citizens. . . . No, we are in such a hurry to get one wretch disposed of, as if he were the only social menace."

Yesterday, I judged debates and oratory at a Montana intercollegiate speech meet held at the College of Great Falls. I was impressed by the strong moral sense evident in all the speeches made by today's college students. Several spoke out against what one young speaker called The Great American Tradition--our society's demand for and enjoyment of VIOLENCE. Capital punishment is the ultimate in a reaction of violence against the crime of violence.

It may have been acceptable in Montana during the 1920's that there should be invitations issued to a Public Hanging at Ryegate, but it would be totally
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is an interesting piece of written work sent in by one outside enthusiast. She calls the poem "Lover's Prayer" and it is well done. We of the M.F. News thank her for submitting it to us for publication.)

Lover's Prayer

Heavenly Father full of grace
Bless my boyfriend's darling face.
Bless his kiss which is the most,
God it sure does make me roast.
Bless his hair that never curls,
And keep him away from other girls.
Bless his eyes that are so bright,
Make him always see the light.
Bless his hands that are so strong,
Make them stay where they belong.
I do believe that the Lord above
Created him for me to love.
He picked me out from all the rest;
I had a heart and it was true,
But now it's gone from me to you.
Take good care of it as I have none.
If I should die before he does,
I'll go to heaven and wait for him.
If he's not there on Judgment Day,
I'll know he went the other way.
So I'll return the angel wings,
Golden harps and other things,
And just to prove my love is true,
I'll go to Hell and wait there too.

Testimony on Delegate

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abhorrent to the minds of our young people in the 1970's. For this I thank God and I pray that this Constitutional Convention will abrogate the violence of capital punishment in our new Constitution.

Sister Providencia, S.F.
Associate Professor of
Sociology
College of Great Falls

"I MUST do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done."

--Bits & Pieces

WHAT!

Sex stops con-con

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - At the height of a Montana Constitutional Convention debate on gun registration, a Missoula delegate flashed a bumper sticker that had all chuckling.

Bob Campbell showed other delegates one that took off after a popular anti-registration sticker and said:

"When sex is outlawed, only outlaws will have sex."

Vehicles of some Montana rifle and pistol enthusiasts display stickers that say: "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

Indian Culture Article Approved

By Charles S. Johnson
Associated Press Writer

HELENA, (AP) -- Montana Constitutional Convention delegates approved a section Friday committing the state to preserve the cultural integrity of its first residents, the American Indians, in its educational goals.

Groups representing some of the state's 35,000 reservation and landless Indians had asked various committees for some consideration without much success until the action Friday, which passed 83-1.

The section, offered as an amendment to part of the education article, says:

"The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity.

It was submitted by Dorothy Eck, D-Bozeman, and amended to include educational goals by Gene Harbaugh, D-Poplar.

"What we have been doing is pushing them back and forth between these committees in an attempt to get rid of them and they know it," said Chairman Richard J. Champoux, D-Kalispell, of the Education Committee.

"The first day I came to this assembly, I looked around and wondered why there were no Indians here as delegates," he said. "Later, as I left the chamber I saw four Indians standing outside the door and I thought how ironic. There they are--typically standing outside the door while the white man makes all the decisions for them inside.

Champoux said it was impossible not to consider Montana Indians as a special group.

Other delegates echoed their support.

"Indians are different," Chet Blaylock, D-Laurel, said. "They were here first. They owned it all, and we took it away from them."

Attorneys John M. Schiltz, D-Billings, and C. B. McNeil, whose law firms have done extensive work for Indian reservations, strongly endorsed the motion.

The only delegate to speak against the motion on the floor was Archie O. Wilson, R-Hysham.

"I have lived with Indians all my life," the 62-year-old rancher said. "They have been exploited but have been provided with equal educational opportunity for years."

He added:

"These people want equal educational opportunity and to be recognized as equals and not be set aside as being different."

Indians must learn the white man's ways, he said.

"If they pursue equal educational facilities, they certainly are just as free to be a constitutional convention delegate, a governor, a senator or a representative or hold any office."

Wilson later clarified his remarks and said he wanted to keep the educational system as it is and not have separate schools for whites and Indians.

Although he spoke against the amendment, Wilson voted for it. The lone opponent was Lloyd Barnard, D-Saco, who did not speak on the proposal.

After the vote, Earl J. Barlow, Indian education supervisor for the superintendent of public instruction, praised the delegates.

Barlow, an Indian who is being pushed by some Indian groups to run for governor, said:

"This is the dawn of a new era of understanding of our people and our culture which is vital to our existence."

He said Montana had set an example for the entire nation.

"In my opinion," Barlow said, "the action of the delegates assures support of the new constitution by Indian citizens of Montana."



Life In Prison By Larry McIntosh

Seeing prison life through the eyes of a cat would be difficult to explain to people, so I will have to say that telling this story from my viewpoint will be a little hard for people to grasp, but this is a true story.

There are prisoners who come from the cellhouse and go to work or school: then if you watch them for many days, it seems that they rush back and forth from work to school or cellhouse to school or cellhouse to work or vice versa. Rush! Rush!

Many of these prisoners who I have met are very friendly and some are the most capable I've ever met, only saying this from my experience in prison for about one year and three months. Although, I've felt that a prisoner is usually good instead of all the rumors that outside people spread, or anyone, about the prisoner being only bad. I don't know where people get this kind of erroneous information, but I can say from my observation of prisoners that they are good, and friends of mine.

I have thought about being in here for life. It probably wouldn't be a bad idea because I like my friends, but it wouldn't be hard for me to get a parole. All I would have to do is purr for one of the front office personnel to notice me and rub against his leg until he picked me up and carried me in to the front office. Once in the front office, I could follow one of the personnel home.

Life to me isn't too important, my

prison life isn't worth worrying about, but what is important to me is living for that next meal, and I get plenty to eat. "Food is better than words" I have always thought, so I don't feel too bad because I don't talk, although I do listen to a lot of people. Many people pick me up, pet me and talk to me and I usually tell them "Mee-o-o-ow."

I don't know what people thank about me, but I feel that I must be a pretty good cat. I am always either in someone's arms or someone is calling to me. When people call me, I know my name is Riley so I come running to see what they want. Sometimes it is to give me a bit of food, other times it is just to pick me up and pet me. I am doing happy life in prison.

My description and paw prints are probably on file but I will tell you my description regardless. I have black and white hair. My weight is around ten or twelve pounds. My length is nearly twenty-four inches long, tail included, and I stand eight or ten inches high. This might not sound like much of a cat to you but it means a lot to me, that's why I take good care of myself. I exercise and wash up whenever I get a few minutes alone.

What kind of recreation and relaxation I do you may want to ask? Well, part of my home in here is at the kitchen, which my instincts tell me, and there I sneak and sniff here and there probing for a mouse. Whenever I find
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Houriet, Robert Getting Back Together -
er. New York: Avon (1971)

Robert Houriet is a former editor of the Camden Courier-Post who traveled around the U.S. visiting communes of widely varying types. In addition to being a descriptive study of the contemporary commune movement, his work is partly historical: taking the psychological watershed for modern youth, the 1968 Chicago Convention, as his starting point, he discusses the earlier, usually abortive, experiments such as Oz in Pennsylvania and Morningstar in California, and then proceeds to describe more recent--and successful--experiments in communal living.

Houriet's basic thesis regarding the modern commune is that it represents a break with the more traditional forms of protest against the Establishment. The communards are opposed to the emphasis on material values and "success" which they see in contemporary America, but their protest does not take the political form which formerly produced demonstrations, riots, bombings, etc. Rather than try to change or overthrow middle class America, the members of communes simply attempt to avoid it. And Houriet feels that a sort of radical paranoia directed against "straights" is futile and has led to the downfall of the communes in which this paranoia played an important role.

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one and catch it, I know my friends are watching me so I give the mouse a chance to escape, pretending it gets away from me, then catch it again. I do this a few times before I decide to end its life and use it for food.

The feeling I get from living with imprisoned people is that they love me, and if I could talk I would tell them the same thing

Where did I get my name? Well, you see when I was just a youngster, I had

The author visited communes all over the U.S.: from High Ridge Farm in Oregon to Twin Oaks in Virginia and from Harrad West in California to Bryn Athyn in Vermont. The groups he observed varied tremendously in their make-up and philosophy, ranging from the "open-ended" communes, which did not select their membership and usually were rather disorganized, to the tightly-disciplined ones such as Twin Oaks, which was modeled after the commune described in B.F. Skinner's novel, Walden II. Houriet also visited several religious communes, run by religions as diverse as Krishna Consciousness and a fundamentalist sect in Oregon. His personal preference seems to be for groups which strike a balance between anarchy and what he considers to be too much organization. Toward the end of the book, he discusses communal life in Vermont, this time as a participant rather than as an observer.

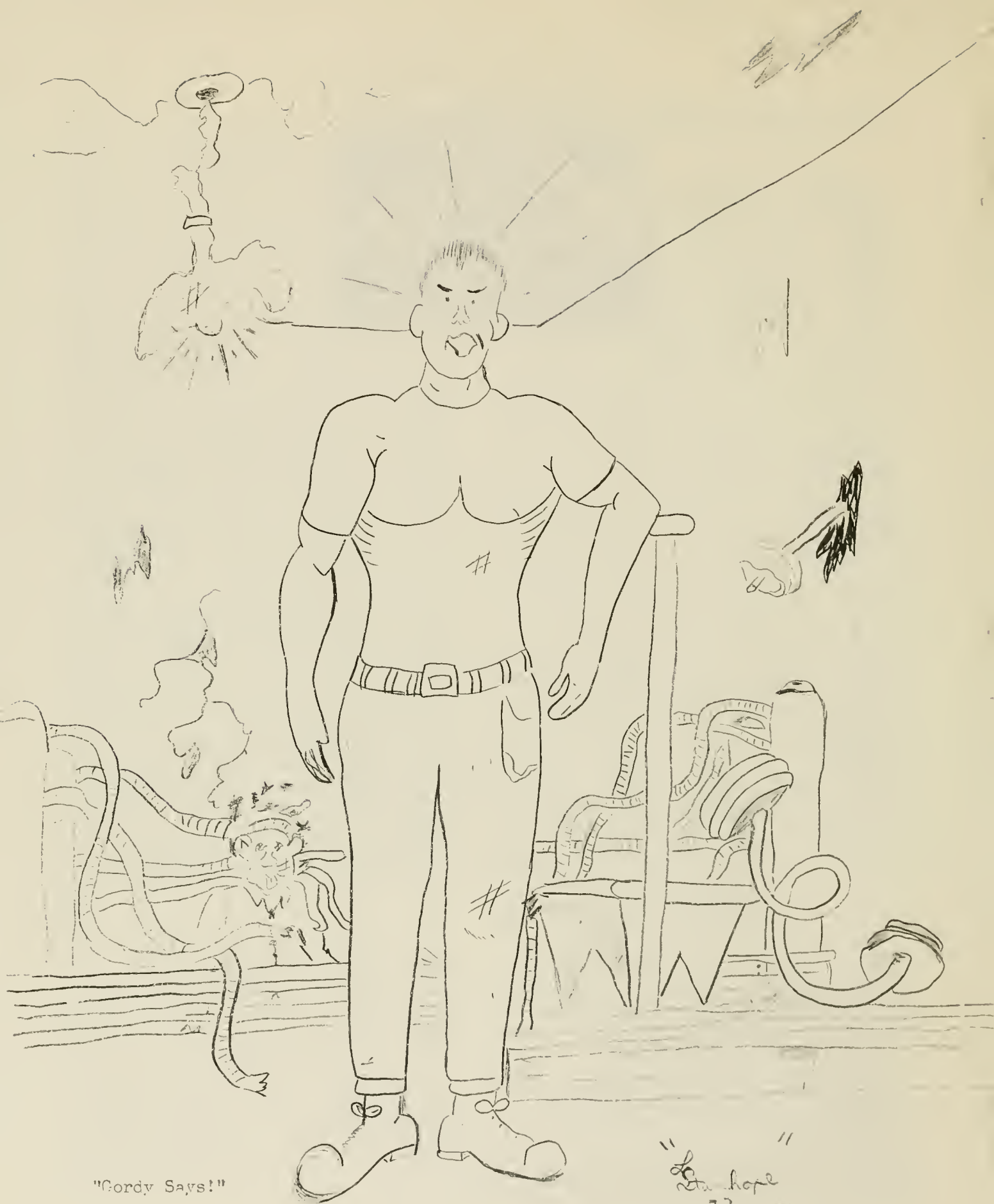
Although Getting Back Together could do with more editing, it is an extremely interesting work for the student of the commune movement. It tends to de-emphasize the more spectacular aspects of communal living--sex and drugs (on some communes)--and tries to give a relatively objective view of the movement, although the author's pro-commune and anti-Establishment bias is evident throughout the book.

We've got it in the library!

nothing to do but play, eat and let people pet me, so someone said I was living a life of Riley. My name then became Riley.

So you see, Riley is my name and I am a cat. Hey! that's me! and I am "doing time" in Montana State Prison. I don't find it too frustrating though, because with all the friends I have giving me love and feeding me, I find life in here is THE LIFE OF RILEY.

(end)



"Gordy Says!"

"
Let's hope
72
"

Boxing Tourney
Held at Montana State Prison
Sunday March 26, 1972

DEER LODGE - Butte boxers battled their way to three titles Sunday, Laying claim to most of the gold during the championship fights of the 2nd annual Montana State Prison Invitational Boxing Tournament.

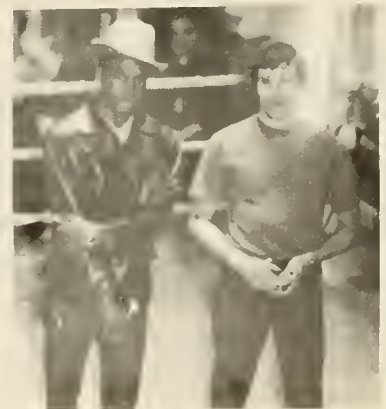
Rick Jorday of the Mining City, picked up Butte's first piece of gold as he took a unanimous decision over John Daniel, Kick Horse Job Corps, in their 125-round fight.

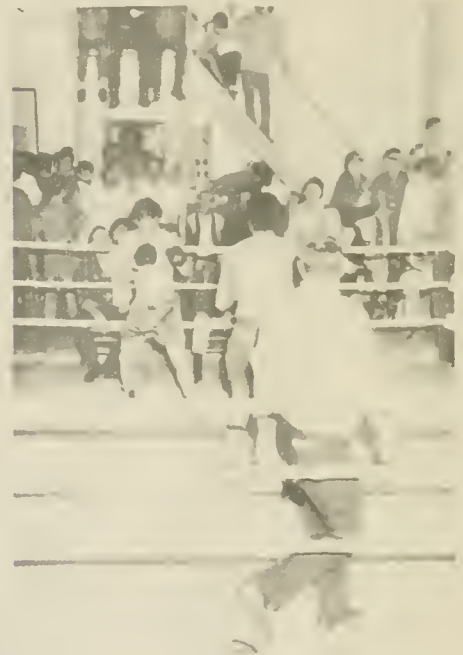
Tom Gates of Butte, slugged out a unanimous decision over Willie Temple, Anaconda Job Corps, for the 132-pound crown in a bout that was dubbed "the best of the two-day tournament." Butte's third chunk of gold came in the 165-round division with Dave Jany taking a split decision over Rich Collins,

Anaconda Job Corps.

112 - Cliff Hinkle, Geraldine, UD over Dave Bean, Geraldine; 119 - Pete Sangrey, GFPBCp UD over Bill Oppelt, GFPBC; 125 - Rick Jordan, Butte, UD over John Daniel, Kicking Horse Jobs Corps; 132 - Tom Gates, Butte, UD over Willie Temple, Anaconda Job Corps; 139 - Luther Ferrel, AJC, SD over Dave Byrne, Butte; 146 - M. C. Pennel, AJC, UD over Don Komotis, MSP; 165 - Nel Wilkin, Libby, UD over Dan Lopez, MSP; 165 - Dave Jany, Butte, SD over Rich Collins, AJC; 178 - Greg Silversmith, GFB-C, SD over Robert Olivarez, KHJC; Heavyweight - Gus Gardner, MSP, first round TKO over Neil McMallion, Helena.

On pages 14-15 are some action pictures of the boxing tournament, and this page.







This excerpt from The Crime of Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky, p. 260, was sent in by an outside person who is a M.F. News subscriber.

If we can love, this is the touchstone. This is the key to all the therapeutic progress of the modern psychiatric hospital: it dominates the behavior of its staff from a director down to gardener. To our patient who cannot love, we must say by our actions that we do love him. "You can be angry here if you must be; we know you have had cause. We know you have been wronged. We know you are afraid of your own anger, your own self-punishment--afraid too, that your anger will arouse our anger and that

you will be wronged again and disappointed again and rejected again and driven mad once more. But we are not angry--and you won't be either, after a while. We are your friends; you can relax your defenses and your tensions. As you--and we--come to understand your life better, the warmth of love will begin to replace your present anguish, and you will find yourself getting well.

INTERESTING REPRINTS

The following open letter appeared in the Sept. 71 Eye Opener. Rick Osier found this and we felt it warranted printing. Editor's note.

LETTER FROM A YOUNG CONVICT TO A SENTENCING JUDGE.

Dear Judge:

When I stood before you that day in court, you said some very stirring things to me. For one thing, you stated that I should be ashamed of myself for the way I had avoided my duties and obligations toward society. Later, you spoke of your interest in my possible rehabilitation, and you said something to the effect that the real purpose of imprisonment is to reform, rather than punish. Then you handed me the ten year sentence I am serving now.

Sir, I have been in prison for over three years and I have kept hoping to see you, so I could tell you about the progress I am making. But I have never seen you around this prison at all, and from what I can learn, neither has anyone else. In fact, I have been advised that you have never set foot in here in your life!

I was amazed to learn this. The way you spoke so learnedly of penology, rehabilitation and so on, I naturally

figured you must have known what you were talking about. Otherwise, how could you have possibly known just what was best for me or the community?

However, since it is rather obvious that you know nothing whatever about this prison except for what you read in the newspapers or through gossip, I am curious to learn just how you arrive at your sentences. How can you possibly know just how long it may take to reform a person in here?

It's kind of funny, in a sad way. An auto mechanic must know something about building things, and so on. But it seems that a judge--a man who deals with the lives and fate of other human beings do not (sic) have to know anything at all about the place to which he sends people to be reformed! I guess all a judge has to know is courtroom procedure, a few legal phrases, and the limits of sentences.

Begetting your pardon, Sir, but it's kind of hard for me to work up much respect for such apathy and indifference.

USE THE APPROPRIATE VOWEL

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

In all English words there are letters called vowels which are a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes y. All other letters are called consonants.

This is an extremely simple vocabulary game. To play this vocabulary game, you place the missing vowels in the words.

Example: An imaginary and indefinitely remote place is called a t r e. The missing vowels are u, o, i, a

1. If a saddle is not properly fitted on a horse, it causes the b r s n of hair from his hide.

2. Moving clouds stealthly b s c n d the sun on a nearly windless day.

3. To pay tribute to the girl for saving the little boy from drowning, an c-l-t was given in her honor.

4. In the case Woodlit v. State one of the two persons was named the c c m p-l c in committing the crime.

5. One record was in c c r d with the one made last week.

6. Many m p h b s organisms live where there is water.

7. When the moon is invisible because of the interval between the old and new phases, it is called n t r l n r.

8. Without the efficient study of new words a person using them in sentences might make their meaning sound n n.

9. His d d M s is a girl.

10. From the study of life and different subjects, young people become educated which d c s their talents.

For the missing vowels in the sentences above here are sets of VOWELS which you can use to complete them.

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| 1. <u>a</u> , <u>i</u> , <u>o</u> , <u>u</u> | 3. <u>a</u> , <u>a</u> , <u>i</u> , <u>o</u> | 5. <u>e</u> , <u>u</u> , <u>e</u> | 7. <u>i</u> , <u>e</u> , <u>u</u> , <u>a</u> | 9. <u>a</u> , <u>o</u> , <u>i</u> , <u>e</u> |
| 2. <u>i</u> , <u>y</u> , <u>o</u> , <u>u</u> | 4. <u>a</u> , <u>o</u> | 6. <u>i</u> , <u>a</u> , <u>e</u> | 8. <u>a</u> , <u>o</u> , <u>a</u> , <u>e</u> | 10. <u>a</u> , <u>o</u> |

If you desire, you can use the grading system below to check your IQ.

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| 10 correct indicates you cheated. | 3 or below indicates you are not in- |
| 8-9 correct indicates you have patience. | terested. |
| 6-7 correct indicates you have determination. | |
| 4-5 correct indicates you are curious. | |

(Created by A.F. Charlo)

Value of Friendship Is Helping Others
(Reaching Out from MSP)

By A F Charlo

Something new happened at Montana State Prison--a "Gala Musical Open House". Yes, a Gala Musical Open House was held Sunday, March 19, in the Clark Theatre at Montana State Prison (MSP) as a charitable function to raise money to help pay for a kidney transplant for Maggie Pocha of Augusta, Montana, the mother of a quondam MSP inmate. The sponsor of this magnificent program was the MSP LaBarge Jaycees.

After a number of people were in the Clark Theatre, the MSP Rev Skibsrud gave the invocation, then the master of ceremonies, "Superstar" Chris Cross, started off the show with humorous stories after which he introduced one of the bands from Missoula, Bill and the Variations.



Yellowstone band from Missoula.

Two other bands also from Missoula, the Comstock Load and the Yellowstone and the MSP Bluenotes from Deer Lodge were introduced later on in the show by that likable person, Chris Cross.

Toward the last of the show four dancers gave shapely and beautiful gyrating support to the bands from Missoula.

During the show people kept arriving in groups of 10 and 20. Finally a crowd of nearly 660 filled the seats of the Clark Theatre.

People were asked by this reporter

where they came from and some of the towns named were: Helena, Butte, Missoula, Great Falls, Deer Lodge, Anaconda, Billings, and Havre.



Three of the four dancers who were helping out the bands from Missoula.

Members of the LaBarge Jaycees sold popcorn and pop directly to the outside people who paid with tickets sold to them by two MSP officials, Milton Fadness and Jack Corbally. Inmates also purchased refreshments with tickets bought through recreational personnel.

Chris Cross had a few people acknowledged such as Bob Campbell, an attorney in Missoula and a delegate at the Constitutional Convention; Ken

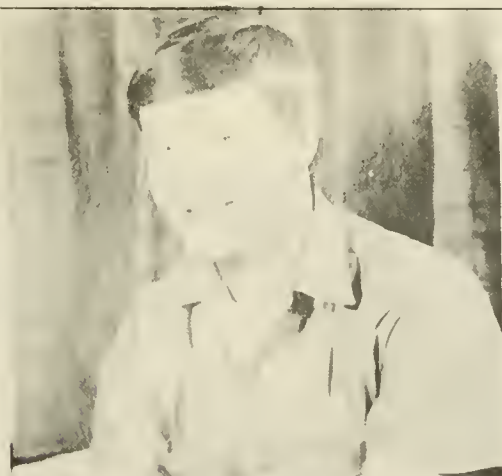


Bill and the Variations from Missoula
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Woolsey, an announcer for KXLf television; Roger Crist, MSF warden; and James Blodgett, MSF deputy warden.

Amid laughter, James Blodgett reminded Chris Cross that early in his career he was taught not to trust anyone with an alias, and the name Chris Cross sounded like an alias to him.

Bob Cambell said that at the Con Con, people were not all business but were humorous at times. One example he gave was the way Con Con people teased each other: One person asked how an ex-prisoner could become governor of the state, and the answer was that he could simply pardon himself once he was governor.



Rande Braden

One of the planners of the Gala Musical Open House, Rande Braden, who is the MSF LaBarge Jaycees internal vice president, thanked all those who took part in helping make the Gala Musical program a great success, stating; "On behalf of our charter and the United States Jaycees I would like to present certificates of appreciation to those people who helped make this function a success. First of all, to these fine musicians who gave so generously of their time without any charge, to Chris Cross, the master of ceremonies, who seems to have time for every worthwhile charity. This project was put together in just two-and-a-half weeks with the co-operation of our new warden, Roger Crist, and our deputy warden, James Blodgett. Our chapter sponsor, Jack Filby, was essential to the success of

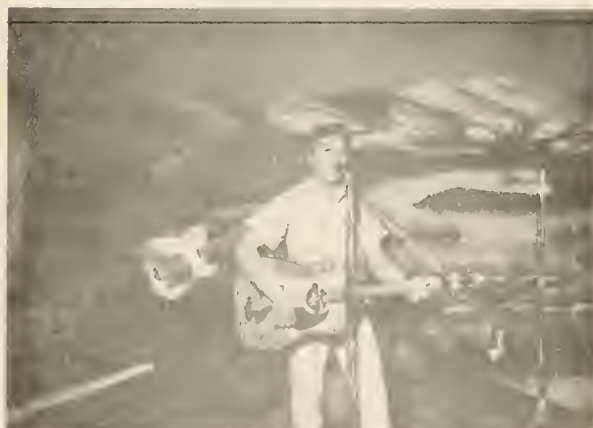
this venture. Last, but not least, (MSP) Director of Social Service Bill Mola, who gave instintingly of his time by spending three full working days on the telephone making the necessary arrangements."



Montana State Prison band

Furnishing the idea for a fund raising program for Maggie, Jim Flage (an inmate) gave much of his time in preparing the plans and carrying them out to make the Gala hours of exciting entertainment.

Toward the middle of the program, Maggie Pocha was introduced on stage, and with a bright smile and tears of happiness she said, "I think all of you people are just so nice and I thank all of you." (M.P. News did not have a picture of Maggie, the only copy was sent to Life magazine with Jim Flage's story --the story was not accepted.)



Montana State Prison band

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Helping Others

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Maggie will have her kidney operation sometime in March or April at the Portland Clinic. Her donor will be Mr. Fred Romig of Great Falls.

In a short interview with this reporter, Jim Pocha, husband of Maggie, said that his thanks go out to all the people present at the open house and to those who made the program possible.

Proceeds from the tickets sold to inmates and outside people for the purchase of the refreshments, and donations from the MHO outside people came to a grand total of \$575 toward the \$10,000 Maggie needs for her kidney transplant.

Taking notes and pictures of the program were two newspaper men and two television men from the outside, the M.P. News reporter, and the MSP photographer. A spokesman for Capital T.V. news said that the Gala Musical Open House would be on six stations--KGHL of Billings, KBLI of Helena, KTVM of Butte, KGVC of Missoula, KFBB of Great Falls, and KCFW of Kalispell.

At the end of the program Chris Cross gave a farewell sign-off but the people asked for one more song from the Yellowstone band, and accommodating themselves as always, the Yellowstone played "Jailhouse Rock." As the band played, people here and there began to stand up so the music stopped and Yellowstone told the people that when the "Jailhouse Rock" is played in a prison everyone should stand up. Everyone stood up as the band continued to play "Jailhouse Rock." A few people were "getting it on" and others clapping, while others were standing and looking happy.

After the program Karen Gallagher, one of the attractive dancers, used one word to describe it: "Beautiful." Her

friend George Crowe, Yellowstone director, said, "A step toward a better relationship with prisoners." John Rivers from Anacorda said, "I think this is a very good thing, very commendable program; I enjoyed every bit of it." Bill Murphy, MSP band director, said, "I am proud of the MSP band's performance considering the short time they had to practice, and also I applaud the inmate body for their excellent behavior."

Many programs, such as open houses, have been initiated inside the walls of MSP, but the Gala Musical Open House was the first program to entertain all invited public, except children under 12, and all MSP inmates.



Let us hope that this program will be the first of many similar programs and will launch a better relationship between prisoner and the public.

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Neither discrimination nor prejudice grows in the hearts of people who think that love still lives among them. Love is God. --A. F. Carlo

Roses are yellow
Violets are pink
I hope everyone makes parole
And gets out of this clink.

--AFC

Baha'is Have Joyous Gatherings

On Tuesday evening, March 21, of this year, the Baha'is here in prison celebrated New Ruz, their New Year festival. On this occasion they had joined the Baha'is throughout the world (approximately five million) in observing this holy day. This was in compliance with the Baha'i calendar inaugurated by the Bab and ratified by Baha'u'llah (Glory of God) the prophet precursor and the prophet founder, or the twin manifestations, of the Baha'i faith. These are the ones promised to come in all the holy books of the past.

Having the New Year fall on the first day of spring is very realistic, if you will consider for yourself the situation, for this is the vernal equinox, when the sun crosses the equator on its journey northward, when all living things are invigorated with a new spirit of life for the forth-coming year. The flowers start blooming, trees bud, grass grows greener, and the young are brought into the world. So it is appropriate to welcome the New Year when the world is taking on a new life.

The celebration party for our Baha'i group fell on a regular Fireside night. Fireside is for the teaching and the discussion of the faith, for the people to bring on a new life for all of mankind; Baha'is consider this Revelation from God the new light to bring about a new life, a spiritual springtime for all of mankind. The Revelation of Baha'u'llah is the throne of God, promised, that ushers in a new dispensation, the "Kingdom of God" age on earth as the Adamic Cycle is about to DRAMATICALLY come to an end.

We had over twenty people participate in our celebration, each getting up and giving a short talk on some aspect of the Baha'i faith, and a larger number coming in to view or to get a piece of the exotic cake baked by our head baker, Ralph Best. The cake was a replica of the Montana State Prison with its "stone with seven eyes" and everyone eating a part of this structure that he possibly would probably

like to get rid of. Ralph did a tremendous job and his artwork was delicious to say the least.

There are six great religious civilizations in the world today, besides the Baha'i, each having their own calendar. These are the Buddhist, Zoroastrian, Hindu, Jewish, Christian and the Muslim. Their calendars start for the most part with the inaugurator of their dispensation, their manifestation of God. For instance, the Zoroastrian calendar starts with Zoroaster, the Christian with the birth of Jesus, the Muslim with the entrance of Mohammad into Medina, and the Baha'i with the proclamation of the Bab in 1844, that he was indeed the promised one of whom all were awaiting, and that he was also the forerunner, and to prepare the way for the other promised one who was to immediately follow him--the Son of man in the glory of the Father (Mark 8:38) who was promised by Jesus and all of the other holy books.

This brings us to another event, the most important of the Baha'i year, that the Baha'is will be celebrating this month--the date Baha'u'llah made his proclamation in the garden of Ridvan (Roses) claiming he was the universal manifestation of our age for which all people were awaiting.

This declaration was made during a twelve-day period in this garden with the first day falling on April the 21. This will be celebrated here on another Fireside day of April 20 as the Baha'i day starts at sundown. Also, the ninth of Ridvan, April the 29, is a Baha'i holy day of no previously known reason and will be celebrated at the prison.

For the Baha'is at the prison it will be a day of remembrance, because of the important event which took place right here behind "This Stone With Seven Eyes," only one year ago on this date: the promised Joshua for today, the third one promised in the scriptures (Dan 12:7, 11, 12 and in Zech 3:1-9), whose job is to establish the Baha'i faith--the throne of God--especially the guardianship, which is the

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The following letter was sent to the editor of Life magazine in regard to the charity open house sponsored by the LaBarge Jaycees on March 19

Life Editors
Time and Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, N.Y. 10020

Dear Sirs:

Since prisons are in the news frequently with a "bad" connotation we feel that you might be interested in a prison story with a "good" connotation for a change. On March 19 at the Montana State Prison a charity concert was held in effort to raise money for the "Kidney for Maggie Fund." We believe that this might well be a first in prison penology because the general public was admitted into the heart of the prison regardless of who or what they were or regardless of their background. Other institutions throughout the country have had open houses, etcetera but always with guests who have already been corresponding and visiting with an inmate prior to the function.

We feel that this story would have even greater human interest value if Life Magazine were to purchase it for the balance needed by Maggie for her kidney transplant. The uncollected funds total about seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) and for further information we suggest that you contact: Pat Hoen, Trust Officer, "Kidney for Maggie Fund," First Westside National Bank, Great Falls, Montana 59401. If seven thousand dollars is more than you feel this story warrants any donation will be appreciated. If you feel unable to contribute to this cause please feel free to use this story as a human interest article without charge. We believe that the public should realize that not all prisoners are Atticus or San Quentins.

Enclosed please find photographs of this function as well as some of the printed matter which was sent to various news media prior to the concert.

Also enclosed is a picture of before and after stories which appeared in newspapers throughout Montana.

The project was suggested by our new warden, Roger Criss after he read of Maggie's dilemma in a local newspaper. Since she is the mother of a former inmate we felt it imperative to do something to help out to the best of our ability. The warden's initial proposal was that the LaBarge Jaycees (our prison Jaycee chapter) make a small donation. We discussed this at our regular meeting and tabled the suggestion for over a month while we thought of something that would be a real help to Mrs. Poona rather than just a token donation. Finally, one of our group got an inspiration for the charity concert. It was drawn up and submitted to the warden who gave his enthusiastic approval with in twenty-four hours. Since that time the LaBarge Jaycees have worked diligently to make this benefit a success and as a result the whole project was put together in just two and one-half weeks.

Several of the leading musical groups in the state were contacted and were more than willing to give their time and talent. Included on the program were: "Yellowstone" of Missoula, an acid rock group who are moving to Malibu Beach, California on April first; "Comstock Load" (their spelling) also an acid rock group from Missoula; "Bill and the Variations" who played a mellow pop-type of music; and finally the prison's own group called the "B Notes." Chris Crowl of Missoula, a former disc jockey, donated his time as Master of Ceremonies.

The entire program lasted over three and one-half hours and was performed before over four hundred people from the community. The fund-raising netted five hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$575) for Maggie's Kidney. We learned that many more people wished to come but were a bit "intimidated" about coming into a prison. However, since the program
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Enquist is one of the subscribers to the M.P. News, and his letter to the Editor and Readers is most appreciated. Thank you Mr. Enquist.)

Great Falls, Montana
April 14, 1972

M.P. News
Box 7
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

To the Editor and Readers:

I do not claim to be an expert on rehabilitation, but statistics indicate that most people discharged from rehabilitation establishments are soon reincarcerated.

And that I believe, indicates that there is something wrong with rehabilitation procedures.

I believe reincarcerated inmates of rehabilitation establishments are best qualified to point out defects in rehabilitation procedures. And I hope all inmates of MSP will point out what they think are defects, through the M.P. News.

I think the M.P. News can and should be a medium for communion of inmates and the public at large.

Time is a factor in the rehabilitation of anyone, so we should all pray for grace to endure tribulations, and to abstain from retaliations.

Earnestly yours,

Ben Enquist
Great Falls, Mt.

Baha'is have
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fundamental aspect of the faith, made his proclamation.

All are invited to attend Baha'i Firesides, and you are all cordially invited to celebrate these holy days with us.

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To Life Magazine
(Con't from page 22)

was carried live on radio and video-

taped by television news service units we feel that the next time we attempt such a project public response will be greatly increased as people have now seen for themselves that the inmate body and the general public can enjoy such a function without any feelings of paranoia whatsoever.

Therefore, we feel that this story might well be of value to you so that you can show the nation that there are together prisons with together prisoners.

Sincerely,
James F. Flage, Project
Co-ordinator



("An Oninion" was sent into M.P. News from Rothe Hall last month. It was signed simply "Crazy Horse." As things developed, it was pointed out to me that this was in fact written by Alfred "Baldy" Falcon who passed away, April 15, from knife wounds received at Rothe Hall. Editor's note.)

An Opinion:

The reason I am being held here is because I couldn't conform to the laws society has put before me. The reason I couldn't conform to these laws is clearly described to me by my conscience. In the first place my conscience tells me I would think less of myself if I were to live as a parasite hidden under man-made laws.

For if a man cannot be himself and lives according to his own standards, and if he is forced to conform, and he does conform, he is nothing, and eventually he will not only hate himself, but will become non-productive concerning the important things in life.

For what would a man in my state of mind gain if he were to lose his own pride by compromising himself just for society's respect?

Some of us have involuntarily been chosen for this terrible burden and eventually it will be completed and then--and only then--will society be a decent place to live.

Dedicated to the true people of society, and something for the people of the "Free World" to think about.

..... Crazy Horse

Bull Pen Blues

Loudly the silence, shouts from every door,
Raisin' cane tomorrow, life it never did before;
Cover it with news, walkin' without shoes;
Maybe then you'll know of this lonely soul.

Loved a pretty woman, like a weepin' willow tree,
Knowing of no sorrow of bull pen misery.
Real pretty woman, haunting memory:
Frayin' she went to heaven, for she was part of me.

Wearin' out my patience, bangin' on the door;
Didn't steal no money, nor part of any score.
Word of her passing left me in despair:
Nine long years of loving, love that wasn't there.

Many parts of broken hearts have fallen on the way,
If to recall, if at all, listen to what they say;
You took away his freedom, "branded him with sin;
Left him with his sorrow, let misery begin.
She gave her love for money, just a pair of shoes;
Some were callin' her honey, while he was born to lose.

Now leave him with his sorrow, forgettin' with his gin,
Judgment day tomorrow, price of love is in;
Let him with understanding, truth from up above,
Tender him with sorrow, or tender him with love.

Wonderin' where I'm going, branded with a sin,
Travelin' with my sorrow, forgettin' with my gin
Until I see my baby with her touchin' smile again.

Listen to the wailing heartaches of the poor
Who didn't see the sadness lying on the floor.
Listen, listen to the wailing poverty of the poor
Who for lack of money go lying on the floor.

Listen, Listen, Listen to the wailing of the poor,
Callin' to their loved ones, bangin' on the door.

Hark to the wisdom of one who's been there before,
With heretics who bargain for your very soul.
Giving them your body is your only sin,
Satisfy their hunger, you will live again.
Heartaches and sorrows are given to the poor,
With their price of freedom, lying on the floor.

Listen to the heartache of this lonely soul in mourning of tomorrow
While sadness grows old, the time is drawing near
When violence without fear
Strikes those who forget what violence will beget
Two hearts for every story of love without no glory;
However they decide, souls will never die,

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Keep on Trying

When the going is rough and it's all uphill
When you've made a slip or you've had a spill
When the sun won't shine or the rain won't quit
And your cares are pressing you down a bit
When you're doing your best and it's not enough
And you wish you were made of more rugged stuff
Don't give up, 'cause you know what they say
What the day may bring, it may take away
And besides you have a lot of friends like me
Who think of you warmly and frequently,
Friends you can count on, friends who care
Whether your skies are cloudy or fair,
Friends who are hoping each day the year through
Will turn out to be happy and blessed for you
So keep these in mind when the shadows appear:
Shake off your worries the skies will clear
And remember whatever the future may send
There's someone with you, right to the end

Author unknown

Bull Pen Blues

(Con't from page 25)

Tears and sorrows met in violence we beget

(end)

To Don Bentley and all guys in the joint from Darby Brown.

"To gain that which is worth having, it may
be necessary to lose everything else."

--Bernadette Devlin

rosemary

by Fred Perry

& though i have never seen you,

i know you,

but i've seen you

once;

or was it only a fantasy brought about my

revolution eaten brain

i can't remember

& the page you are saving for me,

it's beautiful

(why me?)

i am convicted of murdering all of the children in

the world!

(perhaps this is just a paranoid delusion)

though i never killed anyone,

not even a deer

in hunting season

the world has convicted me of crimes against

the MACHINE!

yet you love me!

and what can i do but return your love

gray doesn't last forever,

hope is a puffy white cloud,

(cloud) but it is still there

"all things must pass"

the old will die,

i will survive,

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shadow of a candle

by Fred Perry

no true color shape or form

more,

just an image of what was,

not many years ago

once;

like the flame, (he)

stood tall and proud

not knowing the limits of reason or fear

always searching for the realm of life,

that lies

in the unknown depths of darkness

just one day in a life

and with a tiny wisp of wind

the light of a life,

was called to conquest

in the fading light,

all that is left,

the shadow of a candle

rosemary

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we will all be together

teresa, rosemary, and the cookie man;

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

death to the oppressor,

love for the family,

we air, soil and water

a world needs the all to grow

WE ARE THE ALL

Red Cross Lends Hand to Ex-Con

By Lois Murray
Tribune Staff Writer

Finding a job and place to live aren't easy for most people, but they can be insurmountable to newly released ex-convicts.

Actions ordinarily done by second nature, from ordering a cup of coffee to buying an automobile, can immobilize one who has been behind bars where all decisions have been made for him.

Expecting an ex-felon to readjust to the "outside" equipped with no more than a prison issue suit of clothes and \$25 in his pocket is unrealistic, if not a guarantee of his return to crime and another prison sentence, according to the new Re-Entry Service Committee organized by the local Red Cross Chapter to help ex-felons and parolees. Started officially this week, the group is a cross-section of ex-felons who have made it and representatives of local social and employment agencies.

"With no family to help him, an ex-felon's lack of practice in solving his problems can throw him into a panic," said Barbara Nihill, chairman. "He is likely to return to his old ways and friends and even to crime and another prison sentence. The recidivism rate of Cascade County is 22 per cent."

The committee coordinates services of existing agencies to provide the prison parolee and ex-felon housing, employment, legal advice, medical care and guidance in the purchase of necessities.

An out-of-town parolee was directed by the committee to employment and housing soon after his arrival in Great Falls.

Another parolee was found temporary employment through the committee's employment agency representative. The

group counseled him to enter a local trade school and investigated his eligibility for unemployment compensation.

A local county jail inmate received permission from his parole officer and judge to enter the work release program. Unable to leave the jail to find employment, the inmate was contacted by committee members who learned he had previously consulted the local Office of Economic Opportunity staff about participation in an education program. Contact with OEO was resumed and the inmate began adult education classes to prepare him for future employment.

The committee cooperates with Yokefellow, a local religiously based organization of professional and lay people who offer former prison inmates morale support and fellowship.

The committee's professionals, working as volunteers, counsel ex-convicts in practically every area of life. Acting as liaison, they refer the ex-felon to the appropriate sources of help and continue follow-up. Continued contact helps the person start building belief in himself and society as well as helping him materially, according to Mrs. Nihill.

Plans are being made for social and education meetings in a local church to give ex-felons and parolees opportunity for regular social contact.

Committee members are Jerry Ingebrigtsen, director of the Montana District Blood Program; Orvis Stenson, counselor at C.M. Russell High School and officer of Yokefellow; Steve Bofto, director of Red Cross Service to Military Families, and volunteers, Sister Marion Lorang and Warren Spears, members of Yokefellow.

"Make love and don't fight" has been a popular saying, but shouldn't it be something such as "Don't fight before or after you make love" ----- --A F Charlo

Mount Powell Toastmasters

By Toastmasters Reporter

On February 9, 1972, the Mount Powell Toastmasters held their annual awards ceremony for honorary membership.

President George Kimble awarded honorary membership certificates to Roger W. Crist, warden; James G. Blodgett, deputy warden; Bill Murphy, band director; Gene Ronnemose, food director; Gordon Thompson, Toastmasters counselor; and David Enquist, inside I.D. director.



Talking to MSP Toastmasters is Bill Vollmer, pres. of JC's of Helena.

Mr. Robert Polish, vice president of Deer Lodge Bank and Trust Company, was guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Polish's subject was the impact on the local Deer Lodge economy reflected by the monies expended in maintaining, staffing and operating the Montana State Prison, a sum estimated to be in excess of one-and-one-half million dollars per year.

"In addition," Mr. Polish said, "inmates, directly and indirectly through their own accounts and monies left for them by visitors, deposit this money in the Deer Lodge Banks which contribute another million dollars to the Deer Lodge economy."

"This estimated total of two-and-one-half million dollars is to a large extent responsible for Deer Lodge ability to survive during the current recession and the other expected ups and downs which agri-business areas are ac-

customed to," he said.

After the meeting, a social hour with coffee and cake was enjoyed by all members of Toastmasters.

At another meeting, on March 2, the members of Mount Powell Toastmasters were honored to have as guests the Toastmasters' District 17 Governor, Mr. John Cadby of Helena, and members of the famed "Flying Squad," who were represented by Mr. Cadby.

Members of the Flying Squad were Mr. Jim Towey, District 17 Administrative Lieutenant Governor; Mr. Levi Loss, immediate past District 17 Governor; Mr. Richard Vollmer, assistant governor of Area I; and Mr. Forrest McOmber, Area Governor. These members were from Helena and Butte.

Kimble, president of Mount Powell Toastmasters, and Toastmasters members were complimented by the Flying Squad members on the fine job they were doing, and said that they would return to visit in the near future.



Bill Bernhardt receiving speech award from Mr. Cadby.

Mount Powell Toastmasters president, George Kimble and educational vice-president, Bill Bernhart have received invitations to attend the District Convention to be held at Great Falls May 5-6. Kimble has been asked to give a
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PERMANENT GALLERY FOR PENAL ARTWORK OPENING IN MAY

The first permanent gallery in the country to carry artwork done exclusively by inmate artists will open on May 1, 1972. It will be located at 72 East Oak Street in Chicago, in the middle of the lively Rush Street area.

The shop will be sponsored by A.R.T., Inc., a non-profit corporation recently formed for that purpose. It will be an extension of the Penal Art Program sponsored by Correction Programs of the W. Clement & Jesse V. Stone Foundation. Katherine Gross, who presently runs the Nationwide Penal Art Show, will be managing the shop.

The gallery opening will be May 1 of this year. We want to assemble a collection of the best artwork possible for this opening. Any artist who would like to see the gallery get off to a good start is welcome to send as many as three pieces of his best work for the opening.

Any type of artwork is accepted for

the shop. We are especially interested in receiving crafts objects and sculptures. The shop will be a very good place to show and sell this kind of work.

If you want to contribute work to help make the opening a success, we will need your work by April 15 in order to have time to catalog it.

After the shop opening, we will accept the work of any inmate artist on a year-round basis. Each artist may submit three pieces of his work initially. When his work sells, he may replace it with new pieces.

We think the shop is a great idea and we hope that the artists will be as enthusiastic about it as we are. Anyone interested in sending his work to the shop should contact Kathy Gross, Special Events Coordinator, Correctional Programs, 1439 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605, for a registration form and full information.

Toastmasters

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ten-minute speech.

A total of 181 guests have been invited by the members of Toastmasters, including State of Montana officials, and of the MSP institution to their annual open house, Sunday, April 30, 1972, to be held in Montana State Prison Clark Theatre.

Any inmate of Montana State Prison who desires to communicate better is cordially invited to attend the Toast-
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Mr. Cadby presenting John Bohm with a speech award.

Covenant Players Communicate Through Drama
By A. F. Charlo

Tuesday, April 1, was another day for outside people to entertain the Montana State Prison inmates. Entertaining them were four wonderful people named the Covenant Players from Encina, California. They were Jim and Kathy Meyer, a married couple who are the managers and give their full time to the Covenant program, Joyce Dunbar, and Joe Casey.

When Kathy was asked by this reporter why she did this sort of work, she replied that it helped her in getting acquainted with people and getting to know people is part of what the program was designed to do.

Joe said that he had done much traveling in the United States before he started working with the Covenant Players. He also mentioned that being with such a program is fun and interesting.

After this reporter looked through the script which is used by the Covenant Players in their program, he asked Joyce if she or any of the others ever ad-lib their parts. Joyce was very sincere in saying that each actor memorized every word of his dialogue in the script. (Charles Tanner, not with the Covenant Players in Montana, is not only the originator of the Covenant Players but is also the director and script writer.)

Some of the inmates were talking with Jim and were interested in what he had to say.

Deer Lodge was one of the first stops in Montana for the Covenant Players before they go on to other towns such as Anaconda, Great Falls, and Kalispell. Some of the western states which the Covenant Players tour besides Montana are Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

The Covenant Players in Montana is

only 1 unit out of 19 others which tour many parts of the world giving their performance by way of drama. The number of actors in a Covenant Players program varies from 4 to 5 persons; 2 units have toured in Canada and 1 in Europe.

What should be important to people is clear and meaningful communication. Communication should provoke thought between people and help each other become aware of what it is to obtain ideas from comical and at the same time serious type stories--this is the purpose of the Covenant Players program.

"Besides provoking thought in people's minds, it is also a way of my ministering to them through the Covenant program," Kathy said. "I don't look at my audience too closely," she added, "because it would make me lose my being a character to them, and people get more out of this program, or any program, if they have in mind that I am a character."

Other than being a program to help people get involved with their neighbor, and to minister, it is also drama. A number of acts presented had much action, such as the way people actually look when either frightened, happy, in a hurry, or mad.

Answering the question of what she thought about the program being useful to provoke thought, Joyce said: "I believe drama in the program has much impact which helps people understand better what we are trying to communicate to them."

Many of the inmates who went to see the Covenant Players showed interest in the program and gave appreciative applause after each act, and their reaction welcomed back the Covenant Players anytime they are in Deer Lodge.

Toastmasters
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masters meetings held every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Chapel--you

are welcome to become a member.

(end)

In today's world, love without knowing God is noticeable among many age groups.

TWO RIVERS

One is the river of Life. Each person has to float that one to the end. It may be long to the end, or it may be short; but it has to be ridden to the end. This river can be fun or it can be sorrow. There will be both. A lot depends upon the partner you choose to help you navigate it, and also your own navigation.

The other one is very much like the river of Life. It is the one that flows across the land. It is also fun to float. Just like the river of life, it will depend upon your navigation and the partner you choose to help you.

Both have deep, calm stretches that are a pleasure to be on, and both have fast, turbulent spots with submerged rocks and numerous objects that without the right navigator, one may easily upset. They both have forks where a decision must be made as to which is the right one to take. If you should be unfortunate enough to choose the wrong fork, you may drag bottom or tumble over a falls. Either is bad on the water, but the fishing tackle you lost can be replaced and in an hour or two you can be dry and start again; but on the river of life, if you take the wrong fork, or don't navigate the rapids as you should, you, no doubt, will upset and maybe lose some equipment such as a few years out of your life, or even lose your life. Of course, that may happen on the water river too, but it isn't as likely. If you upset on one of the rivers, you might find someone showing you when to get up, when to retire, when to shower, when to turn off the lights, when and what you are going to eat, what you are going to wear, etc. Who would like that?

If someone has gone ahead of you, there is no need to take the wrong fork if you know where the other one had trouble. Watch other people float both rivers and, if you watch your step, you may make it without getting wet in either river, LIFE OR STREAM.

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